

SEPTEMBER

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1 – gsYOUTH Fall Kick-Off

2 – gsKIDZ Move-Up Sunday

3 – Seasoned Sisters

4 – gsMEN’s Chili Cook Off

5 – gsLIFE Leader Training

6 – gsYOUTH MS Fall Event

7 – Group Sunday

8 – gsKIDZ Leader Training

9 – Night of Worship

10 – gsWOMENS’s Bible Studies Start

11 – gsMEN’s Breakfast

12 – gsLIFE Courses Kick-Off

OCTOBER

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1 – Seasoned Sisters

2 – Military & First Responders Burger Burn

3 – gsYOUTH Adult Leader Training

4 – gsMEN’s Breakfast

5 – The Community Table Kick-Off

6 – gsWOMEN’s Retreat

6 – gsYOUTH HS Retreat

Find the full calendar and extra information about these events online! Head to gracespringchurch.org/events

A Prayer for a Soft Heart

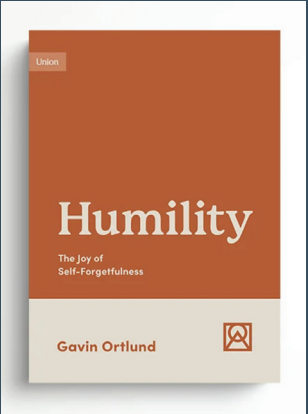
Father,

We acknowledge that our hearts are prone to selfishness, cynicism, and bitterness. You promised to “take out our stony, stubborn heart and give us a tender, responsive heart.” This happened when we put our trust in Jesus, but we still wrestle with our sinful ways. We give You permission, by the Spirit, to massage and mold the hardened places of our hearts so that we become more yielded to Your transforming work in our lives.

Amen.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

READ



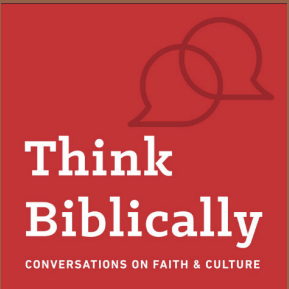
HUMILITY
by Gavin Ortland

A GOSPEL PRIMER FOR CHRISTIANS
by Milton Vincent

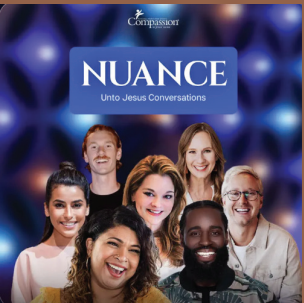
SLOW THEOLOGY
by A.J. Swoboda and Nijay K. Gupta

LISTEN

THINK BIBLICALLY
by Biola University



NUANCE
by Compassion International



Dear gracespring family,

We are walking through quite a season as a church. I use the word ‘season’, because seasons come and go. With all being thrown at us, we have the opportunity to choose FAITH over FEAR. The choice of FAITH roots itself in the object of Jesus and the promises found in the Scriptures such as: “I will NEVER leave you or forsake you” (Matthew 28:20); and “The gates of hell will not prevail against My Church (Matthew 16:18).”

Now, there would be cause for concern IF we ventured away from the truth of God’s Word for the pursuit of what is popular over what is life transformative. (II Timothy 4:3-4) In this is where I believe we should have ‘a peace that surpasses all understanding.’ (Philippians 4:7) But that PEACE is promised to us from ‘prayer and supplication WITH thanksgiving’. What is it we can be so thankful for in advance? The HOPE of the promises mentioned above being taken to heart, KNOWING what lies on the other side of this season is for our good and God’s glory.

So gracespring leadership is challenging us all, as a unified church body, to commit this season to the needed exercise of prayer and fasting as you feel led. Our primary prayer is for our church body to maintain an inner peace as we tackle this storm of staff transition with the Lord’s help. As I shared earlier in this calendar year, this is a time of shaking and sifting, and I am confident that God is laying the framework for the BEST that is yet to come.

In His Grip,
Pastor Bryan

VBS HIGHLIGHTS!

“I enjoyed watching the kids grow in relationship with each other while learning about God. Two girls became “besties” during the week so I was able to introduce the parents to each other at pickup time and connect two families that go to our church that hadn’t met before.”

“We had a child in our group accept Christ who had been attending church for a while. He got to ask one of our leaders questions and it led to him asking how to make that step and He accepted Jesus!”

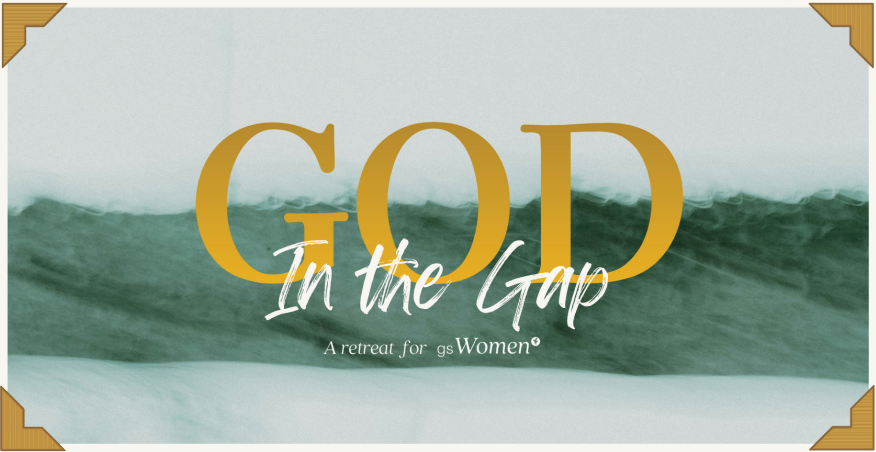
“One of the activities was really neat, kids got to thank Jesus for the cross by placing gems on a giant crown. They had lots of fun doing it but you could tell it prompted them to really think about how thankful they were for Jesus in their lives!”

“The kids participating with gsSHINE really got to experience VBS and be apart of things! For a lot of them it was the first time they had spent extended time in the auditorium, so it was awesome to see them feel safe and comfortable to do that with the large group.”



THANK YOU to everyone who helped make VBS possible this year! Whether you gave, helped with set up, prayed for the students attending, volunteered the week of, or invited those you knew to join the fun, these testimonies could not happen without you!

WAYS TO ENGAGE THIS FALL



A Retreat for gsWOMEN October 23–25 | Lake Ann Camp

Life rarely unfolds exactly the way we imagined. We all experience “gaps”—the space between what we hoped for and what is, between prayers we’ve prayed and answers we’re still waiting to see. This year’s gsWOMEN’s Retreat: God in the Gap is an invitation to discover that God doesn’t simply meet us after the gap is over—He is faithfully present within it.

Whether you’ve been coming to gracespring for years or you’re still finding your place, we’d love for you to join us for a weekend away at Lake Ann. Together we’ll worship, laugh, rest, build new friendships, enjoy great food, and spend time in God’s Word as our speaker helps us explore how God meets us with hope, grace, and purpose in every season of life. If you’ve never been on a women’s retreat before, this is a wonderful place to start. Come as you are—we’d love to experience the weekend with you.



THE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY
GSLIFE COURSES
STARTS SEPTEMBER 28
6:30PM - 8:00PM
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The COMMUNITY TABLE

October 18 is kick-off Sunday for The Community Table! This is a time of year where we seek to be a bridge for our community to take a step closer to Jesus as we help 200 families break bread together during the holiday season. We partner with the Response Care Center (RCC) to distribute boxes of groceries, not just for one meal, but for many meals for families around Thanksgiving and Christmas. By partnering with RCC, we are able deepen ties in our community through practical help, as well as make additional connections to RCC’s free counseling services.

When you sign up for a Holiday Bundle, you are committing to purchase the staple items and special holiday items listed on the shopping list provided for a local family. We also ask that you pray for the family represented by the number on the boxes who will receive “your” bundle while you shop. Please remember to pray for them during Thanksgiving and Christmas which can be difficult seasons for many. Pray that they may feel the love of God and feel seen and cared for through the groceries received! May we feel humbled and grateful that we have opportunities to be servants of the King, and may we demonstrate Ephesians 5:2:

“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

